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Adverse Health Effects of Plastics



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The  
Leadership  
Opportunity  
For Girls



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Girl Scouts Forever  
Green



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GS Are Reducing Plastic  
Waste



Water Lily Project - 01/01/11 - 04/31/11

Number of people using reusable water bottles	2,100
Total # of Refills	17,300
kWh of energy saved (lifetime)	2,335,620
Pounds of CO <sub>2</sub> eliminated (lifetime)	3,596,855
Pounds of plastic waste eliminated (lifetime)	1,297,670
Equivalent to the weight of XX Girl Scout cookie boxes	2,306,97



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*It's In the Bag Project* - 08/01/11-10/31/11

Number of people recycling plastic bags & switching to using reusable bags 4,500

Total Plastic Bags Collected and Recycled 715,830

Average Bags Collected Per Troop 2,378

Average Bags Collected Per Girl Scout 217

kWh of energy saved (lifetime) 1,980,000

Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> eliminated (lifetime) 3,049,200

Pounds of plastic waste eliminated (lifetime) 762,300

Equivalent to the weight of XX Girl Scout cookie boxes 1,355,200



Recommendations

Find alternatives to plastic products whenever possible. Some specific suggestions:

- Avoid heating food in plastic containers, or storing fatty foods in plastic containers or plastic wrap
- Buy food in glass or metal containers
- Do not give young children plastic teethingers or toys
- Use natural fiber clothing, bedding and furniture
- Avoid all PVC and Styrene products



Questions?

